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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 2001

Chairman H. Jerry Stone presiding.

Tom Gattle
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Bill Busbice was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **December 7, 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner McCall and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of December.

Region I - Minden - 61 citations and 6 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 77 citations and 13 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 119 citations and 13 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 109 citations and 5 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 100 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 121 citations and 13 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 122 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 180 citations and 16 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 130 citations and 10 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 42 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 19 citations.

SWEP - 7 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 16 citations and 1 warning.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of December was 1,019. Also there were 90 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for December 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 22.1 hours for enforcement and 40.3 hours for other divisions.

Commissioner McCall asked Major LaCaze to explain several citations listed in the report. Major LaCaze stated the citation "Possession of Illegally Take Deer or Bear", referred to an illegally taken deer. The statutes applies to either one or the other. Commissioner Gattle asked Major LaCaze to explain why in one situation a written warning was given for hunting without a license and in another situation a ticket was given. Major LaCaze stated warnings can only be issued for Class 1 or Class 2 violations. Also a written warning can be issued only one time per person. He then explained several other situations where a warning would be issued rather than a ticket. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the purpose of the Refuge Patrol? Major LaCaze stated the purpose was to have enforcement presence on those refuges at all times. Mr. Phil Bowman added that Deeds of Donations for the refuges require a 24 hour enforcement presence on those areas. Secretary Jenkins asked what was done with the cormorant that was confiscated? Major LaCaze stated it is being held for evidence until the case is settled. Chairman Stone asked if agents coordinate with the State Narcotics Division to help with the marijuana being confiscated. Major LaCaze answered yes.

Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season was handled by Mr. Randy Pausina. This emergency rule sets the 2001 recreational red snapper season to open at 12:01 a.m., April 21 and continue through October 31, 2001. The minimum size limit will be 16 inches total length with a 4 fish per person daily bag and possession limit. Also, it was requested for Secretarial authority

to change the season dates in Louisiana waters if federal waters are changed. All of the regulations will mirror those regulations in federally managed waters. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were any regulations different this year from last year? Mr. Pausina stated no, and added that it was the same time frame voted on last year. Then Commissioner Gattle asked what was the total allowable catch since the recreational quota was 4.47 million pounds. Mr. Pausina answered the TAC is 9.12 million pounds. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON

January 4, 2001

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2001 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and size limits, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that

the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate such an emergency rule.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone; Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2001 and continue through October 31, 2001. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, any person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall not possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Then Mr. Randy Pausina presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Commercial Season**. He began stating this emergency rule also mirrors federal seasons and the season parameters are the same as last year. The spring commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon, February 1, 2001 and will remain open until 12 noon on February 10. This will continue for each month until two-thirds of the commercial quota has been harvested. The fall season will open at 12 noon on October 1 for 10 days and will continue with this format until the remaining quota is harvested. The minimum size limit will be 15 inches. Also it was requested the Secretary have the authority to modify the season structure if

necessary. Commissioner Gattle asked if the first season would close before October first when the second season was expected to begin? Mr. Pausina stated yes, last year's spring season closed May 8, 2000. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked why was there a difference in the minimum size limits for recreational red snapper and commercial red snapper? Mrs. Karen Foote stated these regulations are the same as in Federal waters and Louisiana was complying with those regulations. She added that when the stock assessments are done, the economic benefits are maximized for the commercial fishermen and still have a longer season for recreational fishermen.

Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no objection.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent

regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2001, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2001 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2001, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2001 quota is harvested. The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2001 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit

requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS will provide rules for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request consistent regulations in order to

enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2001 until two-thirds ($2/3$) of the 2001 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds ($2/3$) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2001, until the remainder of the 2001 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for

the opening of the year 2002 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of red snapper by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any commercial closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess red snapper in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Finally, a Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. The 2001 commercial king mackerel season will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, and will remain open until the quota for the western Gulf of Mexico is reached. The minimum size limit will be 24 inches fork length and there will also be a 3,000 pound per trip possession limit. Secretarial authority to change season dates was also requested. Mr. Pausina then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters to open 12:01 a.m. July 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide

that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2001 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Commissioner Gattle asked what is the plan now for helping the red snapper populations in the Gulf of Mexico and was 2010 still the targeted date for this recovery. Mrs. Karen Foote stated the goal for recovery is 2019 and there is a high compliance rate of shrimp boats using byrds. There is debate in the scientific community on the red snapper stock assessment. There is nothing final on this fish, but the use of byrds are helping to exclude juvenile red snapper from the shrimp fishery. Commissioner Gattle asked if the population was stabilized? Mrs. Foote stated it was still extremely overfished.

Presentation of Socio-Economic Research and Analysis
Activities of the Department began with Mr. Jim Patton stating this presentation would inform the Commission and public of one of the support services that the Office of Management and Finance provides for the Department. He then introduced Mr. David Lavergne, Manager of the Socio-Economic Section. Mr. Lavergne stated he had a slide presentation of the Section's activities. The Socio-Economic Research and Development Section was established in 1992 under former Secretary Joe Herring. Duties of the Section include conduct social and economic research, assist divisions with research needs, administer and implement special programs, represent the Department as experts in economics, and other duties as requested by Department personnel. The Section is under the supervision of Mr. Patton, Undersecretary for the Department, and consists of four economists and one research analyst. Ongoing projects for the Section include a log book and an oyster shell recovery project. The purpose of the log book project is to track the fishing patterns of fishermen in the Hypoxic or Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico. This project is 100 percent federally funded with the Department paying fishermen \$140 per month for their fishing locations and expenditures. The oyster shell recovery project is also 100 percent federally funded. The purposes of this project are to study the feasibility of collecting and recycling oyster shells as a cultch material to establish public oyster seed grounds, to evaluate the suitability of recycled oyster shells to alternative cultch materials such as crushed concrete and limestone, and to estimate the recreational economic value of fishing over an oyster reef. The Section administers and implements the Customer Service Program for the Department and the Clean Vessel Program. Mr. Lavergne then explained the Customer Service Program's purpose was to ensure the delivery of effective, efficient and responsive service to residents, users of the resources and the Department's employees. A Committee of Department employees along with the Socio-Economic Section sets

customer service standards, develops policies and procedures, develops annual action plans and an annual assessment report. Mr. Lavergne explained the Section's duties with the Customer Service Program, which included establishing 20 stations throughout the State for comment boxes, providing an Internet address for people to provide comments, and setting minimum standards for employees to helping the public. The next program, the Clean Vessel Program, is 75 percent federally funded and the purpose is to reduce overboard dumping of raw sewage. Construction of boat sewage pump out and dump out facilities have occurred statewide. Also, the Program has developed and distributed educational and promotional materials so the public will know to use these facilities. Mr. Lavergne then showed several slides of pump out stations, a display board taken across the state and pamphlets for the Program. He added that there are still funds for marinas or recreational boating facilities that would be interested in putting a pump out station on their area. Several other duties they perform include collecting data and doing statistical analysis, helping make recommendations and management decisions, developing forecasting models, helping with report writing and doing fiscal and economic impact analysis. The last few slides shown were examples of past research activities conducted by the Socio-Economic Section.

Chairman Stone then asked for the **Wildlife District II Division Report**. Mr. Phil Bowman introduced Mr. Jerald Owens, District Supervisor from Monroe, and stated he would give a report on activities from that area. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated the Wildlife Division has 7 administrative districts and Mr. Owens is representing Region II from Monroe. Mr. Owens has a B.S. and a Masters Degree in Wildlife and 30 years experience with the Department. Mr. Owens began his slide presentation showing the eight parishes that make up Region II. The area has diverse habitat, on the east side of the region and going to the Mississippi River there are no trees, and to the west there are mostly pine trees. A number of programs and activities were highlighted by Mr. Owens. Technical assistance takes a lot of their time, such as working with landowners and hunting clubs. The DMAP program is very popular with 215 cooperators participating which encompasses 450,000 acres. Slides of deer harvested from clubs in the DMAP program were shown. Another project just recently completed was a Deer Hunting Area 4 Reproductive Study to pinpoint more accurately the peak rutting and breeding activity of the white-tailed deer. The deer for the study were collected from DMAP clubs and wildlife management areas. In general the study showed the actual breeding peaked around the last week of December

to the first week of January. Deer depredation to crops and flower beds was another problem area for Region II. The black bear is extending its range and also presenting depredation problems. A project on some of the WMAs and private properties is the woodduck nesting boxes. There are about 300 boxes that are active. Also there is a woodduck trapping and banding project whose purpose is to determine population levels. The turkey stocking program began 10 years ago with birds now being placed in areas that were not stocked in the past. A lot of the turkey activities were explained by Mr. Owens. Turkeys from Union Parish have done real well. Regionwide, other projects include quail and dove population surveys, Canada goose and bald eagle surveys, and investigating facilities for game breeder permits and shooting preserves.

Then Mr. Owens switched to activities on the WMAs in Region II. The first piece of land is about 900 acres in Richland Parish and offers educational possibilities, dove field operations and waterfowl management. Two waterfowl projects have been completed with funding from Ducks Unlimited. Big Colewa Bayou WMA consists of scattered small tracts in West Carroll Parish. Most of the land is abandoned agricultural areas. During the past year, reforestation efforts have occurred on the newest and largest tract. This area has sunflower plots and it has provided the best dove hunting success anywhere in the State. Bayou Macon WMA in East Carroll Parish was acquired in 1991 and at that time contained the most heavily parasitic infested and poorest quality deer. Numbers of deer have been reduced, timber operations occurred resulting in quality deer there now. All access on Bayou Macon is by ATVs. There is a farm contract on 400 acres within this WMA that brings in Conservation dollars for the Department. Funds from the National Wild Turkey Federation allowed for the opening of wooded areas and small ponds for turkeys. The next WMA talked about, Georgia-Pacific WMA, a part of the WMA system since 1949, was leased from Georgia-Pacific Timber Company. It consists of pine flatwoods in Morehouse Parish, has a good turkey population and produces one of the best hunter success ratios for deer. Union WMA in Union Parish is primarily owned by Plum Creek Timber Company and has also been a part of the WMA system since 1949. The area is piney woods, but not flat woods, with a different soil type from Georgia-Pacific WMA. Pine plantations do not provide much food for deer. Hardwoods are being planted in the pine plantations to restore the natural mixture of pine-hardwood habitat that was previously there. There is an on-going research project checking every deer that comes from Union WMA. Over the past 12 years, an average 220 deer were harvested per year. Deer hunter success

rates has improved and was 1 for 9 this year. Mr. Owens explained how timber industries are now using herbicide site preparation when getting ready to plant seedlings. Russell Sage WMA, the first WMA purchased by the Department in 1960, is bottomland hardwood. This area is known for ducks, squirrels and large bucks. Water control activities are important for Russell Sage. The first timber harvesting done on any WMA occurred on this area 30 years ago and has proven itself with improved wildlife habitat. Ouachita WMA, originally purchased in 1975, was 3,000 acres south of Russell Sage WMA. Then in 1984, a 5,600 acre tract was purchased that joined Russell Sage. Ducks Unlimited funded a waterfowl enhancement program on this area which allows the Department to pump water onto the area when and wherever needed. There is also a contract farming operation on Ouachita WMA. The area provides good duck hunting and is heavily utilized. Crawfish production also occurs on Ouachita WMA. Mr. Owens then explained how over 4,000 acres of farmland were reforested. There are 23 miles of ATV trails on Ouachita WMA to maintain. Other projects on the WMAs include maintaining boundaries, roads, and beaver damage, and monitoring oil and gas production and exploration. In this Region, there have been more areas added, but there are four fewer technicians and one less biologist. Mr. Bowman stated, from the presentation, one can tell the diversity of activities and importance to the State from these activities. Chairman Stone thanked Mr. Owens and stated that was a very impressive presentation.

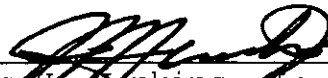
Chairman Stone asked Secretary Jenkins to give an update on the Mississippi - Louisiana non-resident fees. He began stating he received a copy of a draft bill for this upcoming session that will allow Louisiana to charge Mississippi to fish what they charge Louisiana to hunt. Secretary Jenkins then commented a group of Louisiana deer hunters that hunts in Mississippi has hired attorneys to look into the constitutionality of what Mississippi has done with the special fees imposed on Louisiana residents. It has been determined this is unconstitutional and a lawsuit may be filed against Mississippi in Federal Court. He added that he talked to Dr. Sam Polles and relayed the general displeasure that they have not done their part in helping to resolve this matter. Dr. Polles told Secretary Jenkins that there is a group from Mississippi getting together to review the fee structure based on the financial needs of the Department and not for retaliation purposes. Secretary Jenkins hoped the fees would be based on what their Department needs may be and possibly have a reduction of these fees. He added this Department may propose modifications to the fee bill, such as offering a one day fishing license.

Secretary Jenkins felt Louisiana was doing the right thing and he hoped Mississippi would also do the right thing. Commissioner Gattle asked when the 120 day Notice of Intent process would end? Secretary Jenkins thought it would be at the February meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **May 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, May 3, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle.



James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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Mananne,

Please review.

Thanks,

Susan

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING

OF

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Thursday, January 4, 2001

was presiding.

Tom Gattle
Tom Kelly
Norman McCall

Secretary James H. Jenkins, Jr. was also present.

Commissioner Bill Busbice was absent from the meeting.

Chairman Stone called for a motion for approval of the **December 7, 2000 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner McCall and seconded by Commissioner Gattle. The motion passed with no opposition.

The **Monthly Law Enforcement Report for December** was given by Major Keith LaCaze. The following numbers of citations and warnings were issued during the month of December.

Region I - Minden - 61 citations and 6 warnings.

Region II - Monroe - 77 citations and 13 warnings.

Region III - Alexandria - 119 citations and 13 warnings.

Region IV - Ferriday - 109 citations and 5 warnings.

Region V - Lake Charles - 100 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VI - Opelousas - 121 citations and 13 warnings.

Region VII - Baton Rouge - 122 citations and 7 warnings.

Region VIII - New Orleans - 180 citations and 16 warnings.

Region IX - Thibodaux - 130 citations and 10 warnings.

Oyster Strike Force - 42 citations.

Statewide Strike Force - 27 citations.

Seafood Investigation Unit - 19 citations.

SWEP - 7 citations.

Refuge Patrol - 16 citations and 1 warning.

The grand total of citations issued statewide for the month of December was 1,019. Also there were 90 warning citations issued for the month.

The aviation report for December 2000 showed enforcement pilots flew three airplanes a total of 22.1 hours for enforcement and 40.3 hours for other divisions.

Commissioner McCall asked Major LaCaze to explain several citations listed in the report. Major LaCaze stated the citation "Possession of Illegally Take Deer or Bear", referred to an illegally taken deer. The statutes applies to either one or the other. Commissioner Gattle asked Major LaCaze to explain why in one situation a written warning was given for hunting without a license and in another situation a ticket was given. Major LaCaze stated warnings can only be issued for Class 1 or Class 2 violations. Also a written warning can be issued only one time per person. He then explained several other situations where a warning would be issued rather than a ticket. Commissioner Gattle asked what is the purpose of the Refuge Patrol? Major LaCaze stated the purpose was to have enforcement presence on those refuges at all times. Mr. Phil Bowman added that Deeds of Donations for the refuges require a 24 hour enforcement presence on those areas. Secretary Jenkins asked what was done with the cormorant that was confiscated? Major LaCaze stated it is being held for evidence until the case is settled. Chairman Stone asked if agents coordinate with the State Narcotics Division to help with the marijuana being confiscated. Major LaCaze answered yes.

Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season was handled by Mr. Randy Pausina. This emergency rule sets the 2001 recreational red snapper season to open at 12:01 a.m., April 21 and continue through October 31, 2001. The minimum size limit will be 16 inches total length with a 4 fish per person daily bag and possession limit. Also, it was requested for Secretarial authority

to change the season dates in Louisiana waters if federal waters are changed. All of the regulations will mirror those regulations in federally managed waters. Commissioner Gattle asked if there were any regulations different this year from last year? Mr. Pausina stated no, and added that it was the same time frame voted on last year. Then Commissioner Gattle asked what was the total allowable catch since the recreational quota was 4.47 million pounds. Mr. Pausina answered the TAC is 9.12 million pounds. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Hearing no public comments, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2001 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and

WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and

WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and size limits, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that

the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate such an emergency rule.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2001 and continue through October 31, 2001. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, any person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall not possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Then Mr. Randy Pausina presented a **Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Commercial Season**. He began stating this emergency rule also mirrors federal seasons and the season parameters are the same as last year. The spring commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon, February 1, 2001 and will remain open until 12 noon on February 10. This will continue for each month until two-thirds of the commercial quota has been harvested. The fall season will open at 12 noon on October 1 for 10 days and will continue with this format until the remaining quota is harvested. The minimum size limit will be 15 inches. Also it was requested the Secretary have the authority to modify the season structure if

necessary. Commissioner Gattle asked if the first season would close before October first when the second season was expected to begin? Mr. Pausina stated yes, last year's spring season closed May 8, 2000. Chairman Stone asked Mr. Pausina to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution.

Mr. Carl Gremillion asked why was there a difference in the minimum size limits for recreational red snapper and commercial red snapper? Mrs. Karen Foote stated these regulations are the same as in Federal waters and Louisiana was complying with those regulations. She added that when the stock assessments are done, the economic benefits are maximized for the commercial fishermen and still have a longer season for recreational fishermen.

Commissioner McCall made a motion to adopt the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Kelly. The motion passed with no objection.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent

regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2001, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2001 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2001, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2001 quota is harvested. The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2001 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit

requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore. NMFS will provide rules for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana. NMFS and the Gulf Council typically request consistent regulations in order to

enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2001 until two-thirds (2/3) of the 2001 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds (2/3) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2001, until the remainder of the 2001 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for

the opening of the year 2002 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of red snapper by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any commercial closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess red snapper in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Finally, a **Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season** was presented by Mr. Randy Pausina. The 2001 commercial king mackerel season will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, and will remain open until the quota for the western Gulf of Mexico is reached. The minimum size limit will be 24 inches fork length and there will also be a 3,000 pound per trip possession limit. Secretarial authority to change season dates was also requested. Mr. Pausina then read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Gattle made a motion to accept the Resolution. Commissioner McCall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

(The full text of the Resolution and Declaration of Emergency are made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters to open 12:01 a.m. July 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide

that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2001 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone
Chairman

Commissioner Gattle asked what is the plan now for helping the red snapper populations in the Gulf of Mexico and was 2010 still the targeted date for this recovery. Mrs. Karen Foote stated the goal for recovery is 2019 and there is a high compliance rate of shrimp boats using byrds. There is debate in the scientific community on the red snapper stock assessment. There is nothing final on this fish, but the use of byrds are helping to exclude juvenile red snapper from the shrimp fishery. Commissioner Gattle asked if the population was stabilized? Mrs. Foote stated it was still extremely overfished.

Presentation of Socio-Economic Research and Analysis Activities of the Department began with Mr. Jim Patton stating this presentation would inform the Commission and public of one of the support services that the Office of Management and Finance provides for the Department. He then introduced Mr. David Lavergne, Manager of the Socio-Economic Section. Mr. Lavergne stated he had a slide presentation of the Section's activities. The Socio-Economic Research and Development Section was established in 1992 under former Secretary Joe Herring. Duties of the Section include conduct social and economic research, assist divisions with research needs, administer and implement special programs, represent the Department as experts in economics, and other duties as requested by Department personnel. The Section is under the supervision of Mr. Patton, Undersecretary for the Department, and consists of four economists and one research analyst. Ongoing projects for the Section include a log book and an oyster shell recovery project. The purpose of the log book project is to track the fishing patterns of fishermen in the Hypoxic or Dead Zone in the Gulf of Mexico. This project is 100 percent federally funded with the Department paying fishermen \$140 per month for their fishing locations and expenditures. The oyster shell recovery project is also 100 percent federally funded. The purposes of this project are to study the feasibility of collecting and recycling oyster shells as a cultch material to establish public oyster seed grounds, to evaluate the suitability of recycled oyster shells to alternative cultch materials such as crushed concrete and limestone, and to estimate the recreational economic value of fishing over an oyster reef. The Section administers and implements the Customer Service Program for the Department and the Clean Vessel Program. Mr. Lavergne then explained the Customer Service Program's purpose was to ensure the delivery of effective, efficient and responsive service to residents, users of the resources and the Department's employees. A Committee of Department employees along with the Socio-Economic Section sets

customer service standards, develops policies and procedures, develops annual action plans and an annual assessment report. Mr. Lavergne explained the Section's duties with the Customer Service Program, which included establishing 20 stations throughout the State for comment boxes, providing an Internet address for people to provide comments, and setting minimum standards for employees to helping the public. The next program, the Clean Vessel Program, is 75 percent federally funded and the purpose is to reduce overboard dumping of raw sewage. Construction of boat sewage pump out and dump out facilities have occurred statewide. Also, the Program has developed and distributed educational and promotional materials so the public will know to use these facilities. Mr. Lavergne then showed several slides of pump out stations, a display board taken across the state and pamphlets for the Program. He added that there are still funds for marinas or recreational boating facilities that would be interested in putting a pump out station on their area. Several other duties they perform include collecting data and doing statistical analysis, helping make recommendations and management decisions, developing forecasting models, helping with report writing and doing fiscal and economic impact analysis. The last few slides shown were examples of past research activities conducted by the Socio-Economic Section.

Chairman Stone then asked for the **Wildlife District II Division Report**. Mr. Phil Bowman introduced Mr. Jerald Owens, District Supervisor from Monroe, and stated he would give a report on activities from that area. Mr. Tommy Prickett stated the Wildlife Division has 7 administrative districts and Mr. Owens is representing Region II from Monroe. Mr. Owens has a B.S. and a Masters Degree in Wildlife and 30 years experience with the Department. Mr. Owens began his slide presentation showing the eight parishes that make up Region II. The area has diverse habitat, on the east side of the region and going to the Mississippi River there are no trees, and to the west there are mostly pine trees. A number of programs and activities were highlighted by Mr. Owens. Technical assistance takes a lot of their time, such as working with landowners and hunting clubs. The DMAP program is very popular with 215 cooperators participating which encompasses 450,000 acres. Slides of deer harvested from clubs in the DMAP program were shown. Another project just recently completed was a Deer Hunting Area 4 Reproductive Study to pinpoint more accurately the peak rutting and breeding activity of the white-tailed deer. The deer for the study were collected from DMAP clubs and wildlife management areas. In general the study showed the actual breeding peaked around the last week of December

to the first week of January. Deer depredation to crops and flower beds was another problem area for Region II. The black bear is extending its range and also presenting depredation problems. A project on some of the WMAs and private properties is the woodduck nesting boxes. There are about 300 boxes that are active. Also there is a woodduck trapping and banding project whose purpose is to determine population levels. The turkey stocking program began 10 years ago with birds now being placed in areas that were not stocked in the past. A lot of the turkey activities were explained by Mr. Owens. Turkeys from Union Parish have done real well. Regionwide, other projects include quail and dove population surveys, Canada goose and bald eagle surveys, and investigating facilities for game breeder permits and shooting preserves.

Then Mr. Owens switched to activities on the WMAs in Region II. The first piece of land is about 900 acres in Richland Parish and offers educational possibilities, dove field operations and waterfowl management. Two waterfowl projects have been completed with funding from Ducks Unlimited. Big Colewa Bayou WMA consists of scattered small tracts in West Carroll Parish. Most of the land is abandoned agricultural areas. During the past year, reforestation efforts have occurred on the newest and largest tract. This area has sunflower plots and it has provided the best dove hunting success anywhere in the State. Bayou Macon WMA in East Carroll Parish was acquired in 1991 and at that time contained the most heavily parasitic infested and poorest quality deer. Numbers of deer have been reduced, timber operations occurred resulting in quality deer there now. All access on Bayou Macon is by ATVs. There is a farm contract on 400 acres within this WMA that brings in Conservation dollars for the Department. Funds from the National Wild Turkey Federation allowed for the opening of wooded areas and small ponds for turkeys. The next WMA talked about, Georgia-Pacific WMA, a part of the WMA system since 1949, was leased from Georgia-Pacific Timber Company. It consists of pine flatwoods in Morehouse Parish, has a good turkey population and produces one of the best hunter success ratios for deer. Union WMA in Union Parish is primarily owned by Plum Creek Timber Company and has also been a part of the WMA system since 1949. The area is piney woods, but not flat woods, with a different soil type from Georgia-Pacific WMA. Pine plantations do not provide much food for deer. Hardwoods are being planted in the pine plantations to restore the natural mixture of pine-hardwood habitat that was previously there. There is an on-going research project checking every deer that comes from Union WMA. Over the past 12 years, an average 220 deer were harvested per year. Deer hunter success

rates has improved and was 1 for 9 this year. Mr. Owens explained how timber industries are now using herbicide site preparation when getting ready to plant seedlings. Russell Sage WMA, the first WMA purchased by the Department in 1960, is bottomland hardwood. This area is known for ducks, squirrels and large bucks. Water control activities are important for Russell Sage. The first timber harvesting done on any WMA occurred on this area 30 years ago and has proven itself with improved wildlife habitat. Ouachita WMA, originally purchased in 1975, was 3,000 acres south of Russell Sage WMA. Then in 1984, a 5,600 acre tract was purchased that joined Russell Sage. Ducks Unlimited funded a waterfowl enhancement program on this area which allows the Department to pump water onto the area when and wherever needed. There is also a contract farming operation on Ouachita WMA. The area provides good duck hunting and is heavily utilized. Crawfish production also occurs on Ouachita WMA. Mr. Owens then explained how over 4,000 acres of farmland were reforested. There are 23 miles of ATV trails on Ouachita WMA to maintain. Other projects on the WMAs include maintaining boundaries, roads, and beaver damage, and monitoring oil and gas production and exploration. In this Region, there have been more areas added, but there are four fewer technicians and one less biologist. Mr. Bowman stated, from the presentation, one can tell the diversity of activities and importance to the State from these activities. Chairman Stone thanked Mr. Owens and stated that was a very impressive presentation.

Chairman Stone asked Secretary Jenkins to give an update on the Mississippi - Louisiana non-resident fees. He began stating he received a copy of a draft bill for this upcoming session that will allow Louisiana to charge Mississippi to fish what they charge Louisiana to hunt. Secretary Jenkins then commented a group of Louisiana deer hunters that hunts in Mississippi has hired attorneys to look into the constitutionality of what Mississippi has done with the special fees imposed on Louisiana residents. It has been determined this is unconstitutional and a lawsuit may be filed against Mississippi in Federal Court. He added that he talked to Dr. Sam Polles and relayed the general displeasure that they have not done their part in helping to resolve this matter. Dr. Polles told Secretary Jenkins that there is a group from Mississippi getting together to review the fee structure based on the financial needs of the Department and not for retaliation purposes. Secretary Jenkins hoped the fees would be based on what their Department needs may be and possibly have a reduction of these fees. He added this Department may propose modifications to the fee bill, such as offering a one day fishing license.

Secretary Jenkins felt Louisiana was doing the right thing and he hoped Mississippi would also do the right thing. Commissioner Gattle asked when the 120 day Notice of Intent process would end? Secretary Jenkins thought it would be at the February meeting.

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **May 2001 Meeting** on Thursday, May 3, 2001 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Chairman Stone then asked if there were any **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner Kelly made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Gattle.

James H. Jenkins, Jr.
Secretary

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ss, to a \$15.5 million, three-
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f, San Francisco, to a \$20 mil-
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hp, San Francisco, to a \$2.75
wo-year contract.

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c, Philadelphia, to a minor
contract (\$400,000).

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e-year contract; signed Ken
3b, Houston, to a \$3.25 mil-
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ss, Seattle, to a \$2.52 million,
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rhp, to a \$6.5 million, two-year
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Cubs, to a \$6 million, two-year

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of, Toronto, to a \$3 million,
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on, to a \$1.5 million, one-year
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ts, to a minor league contract
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GO (5) — Signed John
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contract; signed Jeff Fassero,
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Tempers continue to flare over La., Miss. license fees

By JOE MACALUSO

Advocate outdoors writer

The fur continued to fly at Thursday's Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission over the six-month-long hunting-fishing license fee confrontation between Louisiana and Mississippi.

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries secretary Jimmy Jenkins Jr. said he was informed a bill will be filed in the upcoming Legislative Session that would charge Mississippi anglers fishing Louisiana waters the same fee Mississippi is charging Louisiana hunters to hunt in that state.

"I'm not sure that's the right thing to do," Jenkins said.

Louisiana's current annual fishing fee is \$110 for nonresident anglers, while Mississippi is charging Louisiana hunters as much as \$525 for annual hunting license fees. The \$525 is the same annual fee Louisiana is charging nonresident hunters, but the commission will vote in February to lower the fees to a maximum of \$352 for deer hunters.

Amidst the flap, which began when the Louisiana Legislature raised the fees in June, Mississippi's Park, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission indicated to then-LWFC chairman Tom Gattle that Mississippi would lower its fees charged to Louisiana hunters when Louisiana took steps to lower its nonresident fees.

In early December, Jenkins said Sam Polles, the head of the Mississippi Parks, Wildlife and Fisheries Department, told him the Mississippi commission intended to keep the nonresident fees on Louisiana hunters while charging other nonresident hunters annual fees as low as \$250.

"I told Dr. Polles that I thought that wasn't the right thing to do," Jenkins said.

"A group of (Louisiana) deer hunters has done some legal research on the issue of the constitutionality of the Mississippi fees. It's their opinion that it's unconstitutional and they are sure that a Federal

court would throw it (the fees) out."

Jenkins said subsequent talks with Polles indicated the Mississippi Legislature will review their state's fee structure in its 2001 Session.

"From our conversation, it looks like Mississippi is going to restructure its fees based on the needs of their department, and not on retaliation against Louisiana," Jenkins said. "That's a good approach."

Jenkins added that the Louisiana Legislature will be asked to modify the fees it passed in June's Special Session.

He said the LDWF will seek to add a one day fishing license to its list. Currently, nonresident fishermen have only 3-day and 1-year license options.

In other action, the LWFC passed Emergency Declarations to open the recreational red snapper season at 12:01 a.m. April 21.

The season must close Oct. 31, or sooner if the National Marine Fisheries Service determines recreational anglers have reached their annual quota of 4.47 million pounds before Oct. 31. A four-per-day limit and the 16-inch minimum size continue on the species.

The commission also passed a dec-

laration to open the commercial red snapper season at noon, Feb. 1, that the commercial season will be divided into spring and fall seasons and that commercial fishermen will have the first 10 days of each month to target red snapper until the spring quota (3.1 million pounds) is reached. The fall season will open at noon, Oct. 1 and continue the same "first 10 days of the month" limit until the fall quota (1.55 million pounds) is reached. The commercial size limit is a 15-inch minimum on the species.

The LWFC also approved a 12:01 a.m. July 1 opening of the commercial king mackerel season.

All three measures were approved for state waters and mirror federal regulations in the Gulf of Mexico's federal waters.

The LWFC also learned LDWF agents issued 1,019 citations in December and approved May 3 for its meeting date for that month.

It also learned that Warren Delacroix of New Orleans had resigned from the commission after serving only one year of his term. No replacement for him, nor for Glynn Carver of Many, whose six-year term ended in December, have been named by Gov. Mike Foster.

SOLUNAR TABLES

DATE	DAY	A.M.		P.M.	
		MINOR	MAJOR	MINOR	MAJOR
1-5	Friday	12:35	6:40	12:45	7:05
1-6	Saturday	1:20	7:30	1:40	7:55
1-7	Sunday	2:10	8:20	2:30	8:50

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ROLL CALL

Thursday, January 4, 2001
Baton Rouge, LA
Wildlife & Fisheries Building

	Attended	Absent
Jerry Stone (Chairman)	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Tom Gattle	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Bill Busbice	<u> </u>	<u>✓</u>
Tom Kelly	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
Norman McCall	<u>✓</u>	<u> </u>
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Mr. Chairman:

There are 4 Commissioners in attendance and we have a quorum.

Secretary Jenkins is also present.

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BATON ROUGE, LA

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Hawkins, Susan

From: billy.w.lewis.chemical@exxon.com
Sent: Monday, December 25, 2000 8:10 PM
To: Hawkins_SC@wlf.state.la.us
Subject: License Fees

To whom It may concern,

I am sending this message in response to the recent dispute between LA and MS over non-resident license fees. As a LA resident who has hunted in MS for many years I am both saddened and frustrated by recent events. I do not choose to hunt in MS it is out of necessity due to the high cost of hunting leases in LA. With BR and NO so close there is not enough land to reasonably lease in our state. It amazes me that adults in a position of responsibility can act so childish in such a situation. This goes for both states. And as usual in a political dispute it is the average person who is caught in the middle. I can understand the financial situation of the LDWF. But who in their right mind would think anyone would pay over \$500 to hunt in LA? If LA needed to raise the non-resident fishing license I understand. But by raising the hunting fees to an unreasonable amount it only opened the door for MS to punish non-resident hunters. Didn't anyone see this coming? Then LA goes back and lowers the non-resident hunting license almost immediately. Unfortunately the damage has already been done. After MS refuses to lower their fees, now I understand LA will try to raise the fishing license again? Where does this foolishness end? The LDWF needs to balance the need for revenues while providing opportunities for people to enjoy our outdoor resources. If the current situation does not change I will not be able to afford to hunt. With many LA hunters leaving MS hunting leases will skyrocket in price, if you can find one. This will force more people onto already crowded WMA's or to quit hunting. I am the father of three young boys who love to hunt. They are the future of our hunting heritage. It will be a sad day when politics and economics keep young people from enjoying our outdoor resources. Let's not forget the great economic impact to our state from people hunting and fishing. I know that LDWF does not get any money from the general budget and this is wrong. But to charge license fees that are totally out of line with what the other states are charging is wrong and bad economic policy. Please forward this note to the responsible parties on the wildlife and fisheries commission:

Sincerely'
W.E. Lewis

ENFORCEMENT CASE REPORT

DECEMBER 2000

REGION 1:

**PARISHES: BIENVILLE, BOSSIER,
CADDO, CLAIBORNE,
WEBSTER**

18 Positions

TOTAL CASES	61
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating Safety
1	Angling W/O A License
2	Take Game Fish Illegally
3	Hunting W/O A Resident License
2	Hunting W/O A Non-Resident License
1	Failure To Comply W/Commission Rules & Regulations (DMAP)
2	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds W/Artificial Light
3	Hunt, Stand, Or Loiter On Public Road
4	Hunt W/O A Resident Big Game License
2	Hunt W/O A Non-Resident Big Game License
8	Hunt Deer From A Public Road
2	Possession Of Untagged Deer
2	Failure To Maintain Sex ID
4	Failure To Wear Hunter Orange
2	Hunt Raccoons Illegally

1	Hunt Ducks W/O A Federal Stamp
1	Hunt MGB W/Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
2	Hunt MGB Closed Season
1	Not Abiding By R&R On WMA
1	Illegal Spotlighting From A Public Road
1	Littering
3	Operate ATV On Public Road
4	Discharge Firearm From Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating Safety
1	Angling W/O A Resident License
1	Hunt W/O A Resident License
1	Hunt W/O A Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Deer From Public Road

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
3 ducks; 4 coons; 1 rabbit; 5 rifles; 4 deer; 5 crappie; 1 bream; 17 white bass; 1 zebco spinning rod & reel; 1 ice chest; 1 DMAP tag	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION I

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
8	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
10	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
37	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 2:
20 Agent positions

**PARISHES: E. CARROL, JACKSON,
 LINCOLN, MOREHEAD,
 QUACHITA, RICHLAND
 UNION, W. CARROLL**

TOTAL CASES	77
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
8	Boating
3	Angle Without A License
2	Fish Without Resident Pole License
1	Driving Left Of Center
1	Possession Of Marijuana
2	DWI
1	Operate ATV On Public Road
1	Driving Without Operator's License
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Reckless Operation Of Vehicle
2	Flight From An Officer
1	Possession Of Alcohol Under 21 Years Of Age
5	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
2	Hunt MGB With Unsigned Stamp
3	Hunt MGB Without State Duck Stamp

2	Hunt MGB Without Resident Hunting License
3	Hunt Ducks Without Federal Duck Stamp
1	Taking Grebes (No Season)
3	Possession Of Over Limit Of Ducks
2	Possess Untagged MGB
1	Failure To Tag MGB
1	Take Rabbit Illegal Rifle
1	Possession Of Untagged Deer
2	Failure To Wear Hunter's Orange
5	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
8	Hunt Deer From Public Road
1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter From Public Road
1	Hunting Without Big Game License
2	Hunting Without Resident License
3	Hunt Deer From Moving Vehicle
2	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations On WMA
2	Take Deer Illegal Hours
2	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Expired Boat Registration
2	Not Abiding By Rules and Regulations on WMA
1	Hunt Without Big Game license
2	Hunt Without Resident License
1	Hunt On WMA Without Permit
1	No Boat Registration Certificate In Possession
1	Failure To Comply With PFD Requirements
1	Use Gear Without Recreational License
2	Use WMA Without Permit
1	Hunting Without Non-resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
3- deer, 2- Remington 12 gauge shotgun, 1- interarm .22 rifle, 1 – 12 pack beer, 2- grebes, 1- duck stamp, 1- LA driver's license, 1- snow goose, 3- rabbits, 1- 10-22 Ruger Rifle, 1- Remington 30.06 Rifle, 1- Remington 1187 Shotgun, 1-unsigned Federal Duck Stamp, 1- marijuana cigarette, 13-gadwall ducks.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION - 2

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Boating
-0-	Commercial Fishing
24	Federal Migratory
-0-	Littering
12	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
28	State Hunting/Trapping
13	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
20	Public Assistance (Assisting stranded motorists and boaters)

REGION 3:

**PARISHES: AVOYELLES, GRANT,
NATCHITOCHES, RAPIDES, SABINE
VERNON, WINN**

31 Agent positions

TOTAL CASES	119
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
12	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
14	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
13	Hunt Deer From Public Road
6	Hunt W/O Basic License In Possession
2	Hunt M.G.B. W/O State Stamp
10	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
4	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
20	Hunt Stand Or Loiter From Public Road
5	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt Deer Closed Area
4	Hunt With Un-Plugged Gun
3	Take Foxes/Bobcats Illegally (Bobcat)
2	Take Illegal Deer (Open Season)
9	Not Abide By Rules & Regulations
1	Take Non Game Bird (No Season)

1	Hunt M.G.B. (Ducks) With Un-Plugged Guns
2	Hunt M.G.B. (Ducks) W/O Federal Stamp
1	Use Lead In Steel Shot Zone Only
2	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
1	Operate A.T.V. On Public Road
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Fail To Comply With P.F.D. Requirements
1	Angling W/O License In Possession
1	Fish W/O Resident Pole License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL - 13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations
1	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
2	Hunt W/O Resident License In Possession
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License In Possession
5	Hunt Stand Or Loiter From Public Road
1	Hunt M.G.B. W/O State Stamp In Possession

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1-3 1/2" 00 buckshot hull, 1-shotgun, 1-pistol, 12-lead shot shells, 7-rifle, 5-scope, 7-spot light, 1-cormorant, 3-bobcats, 39-ducks, 1-doe deer.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 3

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
7	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
2	Recreational Fishing
106	State Hunting/Trapping
13	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 4:
24 Agent positions

**PARISHES: CALDWELL, CATAHOULA,
 CONCORDIA, FRANKLIN
 LASALLE, MADISON,
 TENSAS**

	109
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Boating Safety
3	Hunting W/O Resident License
4	Hunting W/O Non-Resident License
12	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours with Artificial Light
2	Hunt Across Public Road or Road Right-of-Way
4	Hunt From Public Road
2	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Hunt Deer Closed Area
1	Running Deer Dogs During Still Hunt Season
6	Hunt or Take Deer Illegal Hours With Artificial Light
6	Hunt or Take Deer From Public Road
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer
1	Failure To Comply With Hunters Orange Regulations

1	Hunt On DMAP Lands W/O Permit From Owner/Lessee
2	Hunt Turkey Closed Season
2	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations
2	Violate Migratory Bird Treaty Act
4	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamps
1	Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp
1	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
5	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
1	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
1	Transport Illegally Taken MGB
1	Possess Over Limit Of Doves (Field Possession)
3	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
2	Hunt MGB Without State Duck Stamp
1	Hunt MGB Without State Hunting License
14	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA
4	Use WMA Without WMA Permit
1	Littering
1	Other Than Wildlife & Fisheries
3	Operate ATV On Public

1	Misrepresentation During Issuance Of Misdemeanor Summons
4	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
3	Miscellaneous Federal Violations

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 5	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Improper Running Lights
4	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 shotguns, 6 rifles, 5 headlights, 24 ducks, 1 turkey, 2 deer, 31 doves.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 4

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
22	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
84	State Hunting/Trapping

5	Written Warnings
TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Public Assistance

REGION 5
33 Agent positions

BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU
CAMERON, EVANGELINE
JEFF DAVIS, VERMILLION

TOTAL CASES	100
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Boating
1	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
2	Take Or Possess Undersized Black Drum
1	Take Or Possess Over Limit Black Drum
2	Sell and/or Buy Fish W/O Wholesale/Retail Dealers License
8	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
3	Hunting From Moving Vehicle and/or Aircraft
2	Hunting With Unplugged Gun Or Silencer
2	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds and/or Wild Birds Illegal Hours or With Artificial Light
3	Hunt Across Public Road Or Road Right-Of-Way
1	Obtain License Fraudulently
4	Hunt Migratory Game Bird W/O State Stamp
2	Hunt Or Take Deer Or Bear Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
4	Hunt Or Take Deer From Public Road

1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer Or Bear
1	Possessing Fur Bearing Animals W/O License
8	Hunting Ducks Or Geese W/O Federal Stamp
3	Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Unplugged Gun
6	Hunting Migratory Game Birds Illegal Hours
2	Hunting Migratory Game Birds Illegal Hours
3	Hunting Migratory Game Birds Over Baited Area
2	Hunting Migratory Game Birds From A Vehicle
1	Hunting Migratory Game Birds With Illegal Firearm
2	Wanton Waste Of Migratory Game Birds
7	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
1	Possess Over Limit Of Geese
3	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks
2	Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Stamp
2	Hunt Migratory Game Birds W/O State Hunting License
4	Hunting Migratory Game Birds From Public Road
2	Taking Grebe – No Season
2	Miscellaneous Federal Violation
1	Illegal Possession Of Drugs Or Marijuana

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Hunting W/O Resident License
5	Failure To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Boating

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
17 black drum, ½ deer, 3 geese, 28 duck, 19 shotgun shells, 1 rod, 1 reel, 2 shotguns, 1 hunting license, 1 sheriff's ID, 2 riffles, 3 riffle cartridges, 1 mounted bobcat, 3 rabbits, 1 bag containing marijuana and rolling papers, 1 grebe.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 5

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
10	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
50	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
5	Recreational Fishing
32	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
1	Public Assistance

REGION 6:
24 Agent positions

PARISHES: IBERIA, IBERVILLE,
PT.COUPÉE,LAFAYETTE
ST.MARTIN,IBERIA
IBERVILLE,W.B.R.

TOTAL CASES	121
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
31	Boating
3	Angling W/O License
3	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
12	Not Abiding By Rules And Regulations On WMA
2	Take/Sell Commercial Fish Or Bait Species W/O Commercial License
2	Take Commercial Fish W/O Gear License
2	Angling W/O Non-Resident License
2	Take/Possess Spotted Fawn
2	Hunt Or Take Illegal Deer Open Season
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
3	Hunt W/O Resident License
10	Hunt From Moving Vehicle
5	Hunt From Public Road
12	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegal Hours Or With Artificial Light
1	Littering

2	Hunt With Unplugged Gun
5	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
1	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
6	Use Leadshot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
1	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
1	Possess Overlimit Of Ducks
1	Hunt Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
1	Hunt Or Take Deer Illegally From A Boat Or While Swimming
1	Possess Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
7	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
1	Fish W/O Pole License
2	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 13	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
9	Boating
1	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
2	Not Abiding By Rules/Regulations On WMA
1	Hunt W/O WMA License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
5 rifles, 1 spotted fawn, 8 shotguns, 9 deer, 1 gun case, 166 lbs. Shad and buffalo, 1 dip net, one check totaling \$16.60, 2 rod and reels, 2 flashlights, 13 .22 cal. Bullets, various types of litter, 1 daily permit, 16 raccoons, various types of clothing, 1 box of rifle cartridges, bullet fragments, 1 box of Remington 30-30 Winchester, 57 shotgun shells, 4 wood ducks, 1 vehicle, 1 wooden pipe.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 6

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
31	Boating
4	Commercial Fishing
16	Federal Migratory
1	Littering
13	Miscellaneous
6	Recreational Fishing
50	State Hunting/Trapping
13	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

REGION 7:

**PARISHES: ASCENSION, E.B. ROUGE,
E. FELICIANA, LIVINGSTON,
ST. HELENA, ST. TAMMANY,
TANGIPAHOA, WASHINGTON,
W. FELICIANA**

22 Agent positions

TOTAL CASES	122
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
5	Boating
1	Fishing W/O Resident License
6	Hunt W/O Resident License
4	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
3	Hunt W/O Non-Resident License
2	Hunt W/O Non-Resident Big Game License
7	Hunt W/O Muzzleloader License
5	Hunt W/O W.M.A. Permit
17	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
1	Take Illegal Deer O/S
2	Take Overlimit Of Deer
12	Hunt Deer From Public Land
8	Hunt Deer From Moving Vehicle
4	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods

7	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
7	Hunt From A Moving Vehicle
3	Hunt From A Public Road
1	Run Dogs In Still Hunt Area Only
1	Hunt With Un-plugged Gun
1	Possession Of Pods
1	Discharge Weapon In Regulated Area
1	Criminal Trespass
2	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
1	Possess Lead Shot While Hunting MGB
18	Violate Rules and Regs. On WMA
1	Obtain License Fraudently
1	Misrepresentation During Booking

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 7	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Fail To Wear Hunters Orange
3	Hunt W/O W.M.A. Permit
2	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On W.M.A.
1	Hunt Raccoon Illegally

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
3 rifles, 6 deer, 2 arrows with poison pods, 5 shotguns, 4 Q Beams, 3 resident licenses, 7 squirrels, 2 wood ducks.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 7

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
5	Boating
0	Commercial Fishing
3	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
3	Miscellaneous
1	Recreational Fishing
110	State Hunting/Trapping
7	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

REGION 8
18 Agent positions

**PARISHES: PLAQUEMINE, ST. BERNARD,
 ORLEANS, JEFFERSON
 ST. CHARLES**

TOTAL CASES	180
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
17	Boating
24	Angling W/O A License
7	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
8	Angling W/O Saltwater License
5	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
8	Take/Poss. O/L Red Drum (On Water)
1	Possess over 10 Red Drum (Off Water)
9	Take or Poss. Undersized Red Drum (Recreational)
9	Take or Poss. Undersized Black Drum(Recreational)
5	Take or Poss. O/L Black Drum(Recreational)
1	Fail to Comply with Charter Boat Regulations
1	Fail to Have Commercial Lic. In Possession
1	Take or Sell Commercial Fish W/O Comm. License
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Comm. Gear License
1	Take or Poss. Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
3	Fail to Maintain Records

2	Illegal take or possession of game fish
1	Use Saltwater Net Illegally(Gill Net)
2	Take Salt Water Commercial Fish With Net Closed Season
2	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Lic. Fisherman
1	Failure to Have Written Permission
3	Taking Oysters From Unapproved Area (polluted)
1	Take Oysters Closed Season
1	Possession of Untagged/improperly tagged Oysters
3	Hunting W/O Resident License
1	Possess Wild Quadrupeds W/O a License
1	Bow Hunt W/O Bow License
2	Failure to Abide By Commission Rules
1	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
1	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
4	Hunt Wild Quadruped And/or Wild Birds Illegal Hours
1	Hunt, Stand, Loiter, From Public Road, right-of-way
1	Driving on Levees
1	Take Rabbits Illegal Methods
1	Hunt/Take Squirrel Illegal Rifle
1	Take And/Or Possess O/L of Squirrel

1	Hunt or Take Deer Illegal Hours
4	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
2	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
3	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
3	Hunting MGB From Moving Motorboat
2	Possess Untagged MGB
1	Transport Completely Dressed MGB
1	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only
2	Possess Over Limit of Ducks
1	Possession of Other Non-Game Birds –No Season
1	Hunt MGB Without State Duck Stamp
1	Hunt MGB Without State Hunting License
2	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
7	Criminal Trespass
2	Littering
5	Other Than Wildlife and Fisheries
3	Take Federal Controlled Fish in Closed Season
1	Reckless Operation of a Vehicle
2	Violation of Sanitary Code- Chapter 9
1	Violation of Sanitary Code-Chapter 9

3	Take CML Mullet Closed Season
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WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 16	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Angling W/O License
4	Boating
5	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations on WMA
6	Use WMA W/O License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
<p>Returned to Water....oyster sacks(253)...destroyed soft-shell crabs(68)...Sold at bid....345 pounds of shrimp sold @.60/lb. \$207</p> <p>Donated.....Red Snapper(1)...Scaup(12)...Black Drum(115)....Red Drum(149)...Squirrel(12)...Speckled Trout(16)...Flounder(4)...Catfish(1)...Shrimp(345 lbs.)...Rabbits(10)...Shoveler(1)...Fully dressed Breast & Wing(1)...Empty Oyster Sacks(2)...Oyster Sack Tags(45)...Headlight(2)...Shotgun(4)...Trip Ticket Copies(41)....Coots(5)....Coot Gizzards(5)...Deer Meat(7.5 lbs.)...Purchase Invoices(4)....Rounds of Ammunition(5)....Boat(1)...Outboard Motor(1).... Cormorant(1)...Bulleye beam w/battery(1)....Hoop Net(1)....Gear License(1)....Can, bucket, pipe, drum(1 each)....Skiff(1)....Mullet Strike Net(2)...Beer Bottle(1)...Teal(2)...Gill net(2)...Darton Bow(1)...Rod and Reel(6)...Rifle(2)...Simmons Scope(1)...Binoculars(1)...Flashlights(1)...Compass(1)....Bottle of Doe Urine(1)...Rifle Cartridge(1)...Rabbit Boxes(3)...Lead Shot Shells(1)....Ducks(24).</p>

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 8

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
17	Boating
20	Commercial Fishing
21	Federal Migratory
2	Littering
24	Miscellaneous
77	Recreational Fishing
19	State Hunting/Trapping
16	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
8	Public Assistance

REGION 9:**25 Agent positions**

**PARISHES: ASSUMPTION, ST. JAMES
ST. JOHN, ST. MARY
TERREBONNE, LAFOURCHE
JEFFERSON-GRAND ISLE
LOWER ST. MARTIN**

TOTAL CASES	130
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
11	Boating
4	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Take Undersized Red Drum
1	Commercial Fishermen Sell To Other Than Wholesale/Retail Dealer
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Commercial Gear License (Hoop Net)
1	Take Commercial Fish W/O Vessel License
2	Fail To Maintain Records
1	Leave Nets Unattended
3	Take Undersize Commercial Finfish (Catfish)
1	Buy Commercial Fish From Un-Licensed Fisherman
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Markings
1	Fail To Report Commercial Fisheries Data
1	Theft Of Crab Trap
2	Violate Shrimp Provisions (Oyster Bayou)

3	Hunting W/O Resident License
3	Hunting W/Unplugged Gun
12	Hunting From Moving Vehicle
3	Hunt Wild Quadrupeds Illegal Hours
2	Hunt Across Public Road
5	Hunt From Public Road
1	Hunt W/O Resident Big Game License
9	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
5	Hunt Deer Illegal Methods
3	Hunt Deer From Public Road
2	Hunt Deer W/Illegal Weapon
2	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer C/S
1	Possession Of Illegally Taken Deer O/S
3	Hunt Raccoons Illegally
1	Hunting Ducks W/O Federal Stamp
1	Hunting With Unsigned Duck Stamp
2	Hunting MGB With Unplugged Gun
5	Hunting MGB Illegal Hours
2	Hunt MGB W/O State Stamp
8	Using Lead Shot In Area Designated As Steel Shot Only

2	Hunting Ducks Closed Season
3	Possess Over Limit Of Ducks (Field Possession)
1	Taking Grebe – No Season
3	Hunt MGB Without State Hunting License
1	Criminal Trespass
1	Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated
5	Illegal Spotlighting From Public Road
1	Endangered Species Act (Black Bear)
1	Flight From An Officer
2	Discharge Firearm From Public Road
1	Possession Of Drug Paraphernalia
1	General Speed Law (Impeding Flow Traffic)
1	Improper Lane Usage

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Angling W/O A License
1	Angling W/O A License Non-Resident
3	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License Non-Resident
1	Not Abiding By Rules & Regulations On WMA

1	Hunt WMA W/O Permit
1	Hunting W/O Resident License

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
6 red drum, 6 deer, 8 ring necks, 4 teal, 12 gadwals, 7 scaups, 3 wood ducks, 1 grebe, 13 coots, 1 black bear, 476 catfish, 195 catfish sold \$19.80, 31 collarbone catfish, 1 mottled duck, 2 mallards, 1 Mitsubishi truck (paper seizure), 12 rifles and shotguns, 27 crab traps, 1 rod and reel, 1 butterfly net, 38 purchase receipts 1 spotlight, and 1 bulleye light.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR REGION 9

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
11	Boating
15	Commercial Fishing
28	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
14	Miscellaneous
8	Recreational Fishing
54	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Public Assistance

OYSTER STRIKE FORCE
3 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	42
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Vessel License
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Fisherman License
1	Take Oysters W/O Commercial Harvester License
1	Allow A Non-Licensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Dredge License
1	Allow A Non-Licensed Commercial Fisherman To Use Commercial Vessel License
3	Failure To Refrigerate Oysters Within The Prescribed Time Period
4	Angling W/O A Basic Resident License
3	Fishing W/O A Resident Saltwater License
1	Fishing W/O A Non-Resident Basic License
1	Fishing W/O A Non-Resident Saltwater License
4	Take Undersize Black Drum
3	Take Undersize Red Drum
1	Take Oysters During Closed Season From State Grounds
1	Unlawfully Take Oysters From Private Lease
3	Take Oysters From An Unapproved Area
1	Failure To Fill Out Oyster System Tags Correctly

2	Hunt Deer Illegal Hours
2	Hunt Deer From A Moving Vehicle
2	Hunt Deer From A Public Road
1	Take Overlimit Ducks
3	Take Mullet In Lake Ponchartrain
1	Failure To Tag Mullet Strike Net
1	Leave Gill Net Unattended

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
1 commercial gear license, 1 commercial vessel license, 213 sacks of oysters, 7 red drum, 4 black drum, 1-1200 feet of gill net, 10,000 lbs. of mullet, 12 ducks and 2 deer.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR OYSTER STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
19	Commercial Fishing
1	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
16	Recreational Fishing
6	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE
18 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	27
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Boating
1	Use Crab Traps Without Required Markings
4	Hunt MGB With Unplugged Gun
2	Hunt MGB Or Geese Without Federal Stamp
1	Hunt MGB Illegal Hours
4	Use Lead Shot In Area Designated Steel Shot Only
5	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
3	Angling W/O Basic Fishing License
1	Hunting W/O Resident Big Game License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 6	
3	Hunt On WM W/O Hunting Permit
1	Hunt W/O Resident License
1	Angling W/O Saltwater License
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
24 ducks, 1-12 gauge shotgun, 3 boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells, 29 crab traps.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR STATEWIDE STRIKE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
4	Boating
1	Commercial Fishing
11	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
5	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
6	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE UNIT
8 Agent positions

STATEWIDE

TOTAL CASES	19
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
4	Transport W/O Required License
6	Lacey Act
4	Fail To Maintain Records
4	Violate Federal Reef Fish Record Requirement
1	Violate Federal Reef Fish Permit Requirement

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 0	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
0	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
29 lbs. of lane snapper.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR SEAFOOD INVESTIGATIVE FORCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Boating
19	Commercial Fishing

0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
0	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

S.W.E.P.
8 Agent positions

COASTAL WATERS

TOTAL CASES	7
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
2	Boating
2	No Vessel License In Possession
1	Overlimit Of Red Drum
1	Possession Of Undersize Red Drum
1	Possession Of Undersize Black Drum

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 10	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
10	Commercial

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION
15 red drum, 11 black drum, 400 lbs. of seabobs sold for 60 cents a lb.

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR S.W.E.P.

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Boating
2	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory

0	Littering
0	Miscellaneous
3	Recreational Fishing
0	State Hunting/Trapping
10	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
0	Public Assistance

HOURS RAN: 95**BOATS CHECKED: 109**

FUR AND REFUGE PATROL
8 Agent positions

**REFUGES: MARSH ISLAND,
 ROCKEFELLEER,
 STATE WILDLIFE**

TOTAL CASES	16
TOTAL	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
3	Boating
2	Hunting Wild Quadrapeds Illegal Hours
1	Use Firearm With Illegal Electronic Sights
1	Not Abiding By Rules And Regs. On WMA
1	Permit Unlicensed Person To Operate Commercial Vessel
3	Set Crab Traps In Navigable Channel
1	Fail To Have Commercial License In Possession
2	Removing Contents Of Crab Traps
1	Use Crab Traps W/O Required Marking
1	Take Or Possess Commercial Fish W/O A Vessel License

WRITTEN WARNINGS:

TOTAL 1	DESCRIPTION OF CITATION
1	

CONFISCATIONS:

CONFISCATION DESCRIPTION	
65 lbs. crabs, 8 crab traps, 2 rabbits, 1 rifle and 1 headlight.	

TOTAL OF EACH CATEGORY FOR FUR AND REFUGE PATROL

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
3	Boating
9	Commercial Fishing
0	Federal Migratory
0	Littering
1	Miscellaneous
0	Recreational Fishing
3	State Hunting/Trapping
1	Written Warnings

TOTAL NUMBER FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

TOTAL	DESCRIPTION
2	Public Assistance

TOTAL CASES - 1019

NOTE: WRITTEN WARNINGS = 90

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185-Amph. - 61092
Hrs. - 29.0

185-Float - 9667Q
Hrs. - -0-

210 - 9467Y
Hrs. - 33.4

Enforcement Hours - 22.1

Other Divisions - 40.3

Total Plane Use - 62.4

RESOLUTION

2001 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON

January 4, 2001

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and
- WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2001 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and size limits, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2001, and

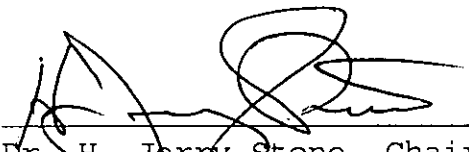
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2001, and

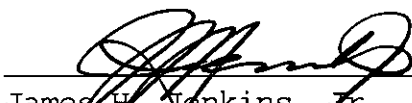
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate such an emergency rule.



Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Recreational Red Snapper Season

The red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council). Regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore. Rules were established by NMFS to close recreational harvest season in the EEZ off of Louisiana effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero, and NMFS requested that consistent regulations be established in Louisiana waters. NMFS typically requests consistent regulations in order to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations for EEZ waters.

In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2001 and continue through October 31, 2001. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, any person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall not possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 RECREATIONAL RED SNAPPER SEASON

January 4, 2001

- WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF), the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (LWFC) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and
- WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has put into place a regulatory amendment under the framework procedure of the reef fish fishery management plan that establishes a recreational red snapper quota equal to the recreational allocation, and authorizes the closure of the fishery for the remainder of the fishing year (= calendar year) in Federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico when the quota is reached or is projected to be reached, and
- WHEREAS, the Gulf Council recommended to NMFS that the 2001 recreational quota for red snapper in the Gulf of Mexico be set at 4.47 million pounds, and
- WHEREAS, NMFS has closed the recreational fishing season for red snapper effective midnight October 31, 2000 through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero in the EEZ off of Louisiana for that time period, and
- WHEREAS, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has enacted a closure in Louisiana state waters consistent with the EEZ closure which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and
- WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and
- WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and size limits, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby continues the recreational red snapper closure through April 20, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the recreational red snapper season shall be open from April 21 through October 31, 2001, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to change the opening and closure dates of the recreational red snapper season if informed that the Federal dates are other than those specified in this resolution and attached declaration of emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to close the recreational red snapper season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby authorizes the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to open an additional recreational red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is later informed that the National Marine Fisheries Service has opened an additional recreational season and to close such season when he is informed that the recreational red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate such an emergency rule.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Recreational Red Snapper Season

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In order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 recreational red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted.

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the

Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons and size limits for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following seasons for recreational harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the recreational fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will remain closed through April 20, 2001 by reducing the bag limit to zero for that time period. The season will open at 12:01 a.m., April 21, 2001 and continue through October 31, 2001. If the secretary is notified that the opening and closing of Federal seasons is changed, he is hereby authorized to change the opening and closing dates for state waters accordingly.

Effective with the recreational red snapper season closure, any person, except those who possess a Class 1 or Class 2 commercial red snapper license issued by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Federal Fishery Management Plan for the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish and who are legally taking red snapper during an open commercial season, shall not possess any red snapper whether taken from within or without Louisiana territorial waters.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2001, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the

2001 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on October 1, 2001, and remain open until 12 noon on October 10, and will also continue in this format each month until the entire 2001 quota is harvested. The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2001 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the
2001 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state
waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons

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In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and R.S. 56:326.3 which provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters:

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in

Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2001 until two-thirds ($2/3$) of the 2001 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds ($2/3$) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2001, until the remainder of the 2001 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2002 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of red snapper by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any commercial closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell red snapper. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess red snapper in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail

dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL RED SNAPPER SEASONS

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S., generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, rules will be established by NMFS, to provide for commercial harvest seasons for red snapper in the EEZ off of Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries receives notice from the Gulf Council and NMFS requesting consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, in order to enact regulations in a timely manner so as to have compatible regulations in place in Louisiana waters for the 2001 commercial red snapper season, it is necessary that emergency rules be enacted, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) and R.S. 49:967 allow the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 seasons for commercial harvest of red snapper in Louisiana state waters as follows: the first commercial fishing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on February 1, 2001, and remain open until 12:00 noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall authorize the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the 2001 commercial red snapper seasons in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the designated portions of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico have been filled, or are projected to be filled, for each set of seasons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the re-opening of the commercial red snapper season in Federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding red snapper harvest including trip limits, permit requirements, and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open seasons hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial Red Snapper Seasons

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Louisiana state waters will open at 12:00 noon February 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon February 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month, for each month of 2001 until two-thirds ($2/3$) of the 2001 commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that two-thirds ($2/3$) of the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:00 noon October 1, 2001, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2001 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The season for the commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will re-open at 12:00 noon October 1, 2001. The commercial fishery for red snapper in Louisiana waters will close at 12:00 noon October 10, 2001, and thereafter open at 12:00 noon on the first of each month and close at 12:00 noon on the tenth of each month for each month of 2001, until the remainder of the 2001 commercial quota is harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed that the commercial red snapper quota for the Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested; such closure order shall close the season until the date set for the opening of the year 2002 commercial red snapper season in Federal waters.

The Commission also grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to change the opening dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed by the Regional Administrator of NMFS that the season dates for the commercial harvest of red snapper in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico as set out herein have been modified, and that the Regional Administrator of NMFS requests that the season be modified in Louisiana state waters.

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dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained, and those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON

January 4, 2001

WHEREAS, the king mackerel fishery in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana is cooperatively managed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) with advice from the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), and

WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters to open 12:01 a.m. July 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to

close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

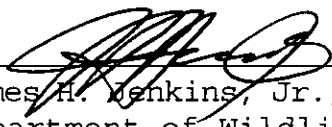
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.



Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission



James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial King Mackerel Season

In accordance with the emergency provisions of R.S. 49:953(B), the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:967 which allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and R.S. 56:6(25)(a) and 56:326.3 which provide that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish; the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby sets the following season and trip limit for the commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters:

The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2001 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall

close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

RESOLUTION

2001 COMMERCIAL KING MACKEREL SEASON

January 4, 2001

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WHEREAS, regulations promulgated by NMFS are applicable in waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U. S., which in Louisiana is generally three miles offshore, and

WHEREAS, NMFS requests consistent regulations in Louisiana state waters, which are preferable as they assist in enforcement of fishery rules, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in EEZ waters will open on July 1, 2001, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 49:953(B) allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to use emergency procedures to set finfish seasons by emergency rule and R.S. 49:967 allows the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to set finfish seasons and all rules and regulations pursuant thereto by emergency rule, and

WHEREAS, R.S. 56:326.3 provides that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission may set seasons for saltwater finfish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes the 2001 season for commercial harvest of king mackerel in Louisiana state waters to open 12:01 a.m. July 1, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all applicable rules regarding the commercial king mackerel harvest including trip and size limits, established by the Commission shall be in effect during the open season hereby established, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to

close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by NMFS that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this Declaration of Emergency, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Declaration of Emergency setting the 2001 commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters is attached to and made part of this resolution.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries
Commission

James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
Department of Wildlife and
Fisheries

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

2001 Commercial King Mackerel Season

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The commercial season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2001 and remain open until the allotted portion of the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or projected to be harvested.

The Commission grants authority to the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters when he is informed by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) that the commercial king mackerel quota for the Western Gulf of Mexico has been harvested or is projected to be harvested, such closure order shall

close the season until 12:01 a.m., July 1, 2002, which is the date expected to be set for the re-opening of the 2002 commercial king mackerel season in Federal waters.

The Commission also authorizes the Secretary to open an additional commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana state waters if he is informed that NMFS has opened an additional season and to close such season when he is informed that the commercial king mackerel quota for the western Gulf of Mexico has been filled, or is projected to be filled.

Nothing herein shall preclude the legal harvest of king mackerel by legally licensed recreational fishermen. Effective with any closure, no person shall commercially harvest, transport, purchase, barter, trade, sell or attempt to purchase, barter, trade or sell king mackerel. Effective with the closure, no person shall possess king mackerel in excess of a daily bag limit. Provided however that fish in excess of the daily bag limit which were legally taken prior to the closure may be purchased, possessed, transported, and sold by a licensed wholesale/retail dealer if appropriate records in accordance with R.S. 56:306.5 and R.S. 56:306.6 are properly maintained. Those other than wholesale/retail dealers may purchase such fish in excess of the daily bag limit from wholesale/retail dealers for their own use or for sale by a restaurant as prepared fish.

Dr. H. Jerry Stone

Chairman

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
May 2001						
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MONTHLY CIVIL RESTITUTION REPORT

PERIOD	NO. CASES ASSESSED	AMOUNT ASSESSED	CREDIT FOR SALE GOODS	NO. CASES PAID	AMOUNT PAID	DISCOUNTS TAKEN	PERCENT DOLLARS PAID	PERCENT CASES PAID
FISCAL YEAR 1993-94								
July, 1993	25	\$21,039.00	(\$9,778.00)	29	\$4,855.00	\$2,545.00		
Aug., 1993	53	\$44,922.00	(\$1,137.00)	41	\$7,950.00	\$3,603.00		
Sept., 1993	42	\$137,635.00	(\$17,938.00)	35	\$6,783.00	\$3,048.00		
Oct., 1993	49	\$21,471.00	(\$11,282.00)	40	\$3,285.00	\$1,519.00		
Nov., 1993	57	\$31,207.00	(\$13,260.00)	32	\$3,053.00	\$2,845.00		
Dec., 1993	53	\$13,777.00		27	\$6,507.00	\$6,713.00		
Jan., 1994	38	\$18,918.00		32	\$4,423.00	\$2,831.00		
Feb., 1994	68	\$38,131.00	(\$8,238.00)	46	\$9,124.00	\$5,993.00		
Mar., 1994	38	\$22,739.00	(\$2,482.00)	51	\$10,854.00	\$6,796.00		
April, 1994	14	\$44,732.00	(\$1,404.00)	27	\$7,307.00	\$4,632.00		
May, 1994	10	\$4,504.00	(\$165.00)	7	\$5,447.00	\$3,808.00		
June, 1994	29	\$26,167.00	(\$2,986.00)	12	\$1,886.00	\$1,214.00		
Total FY 1994	476	\$425,242.00	(\$68,670.00)	379	\$71,474.00	\$45,547.00	27.5%	79.6%
FISCAL YEAR 1994-95								
July, 1994	17	\$2,127.00	(\$335.00)	23	\$2,101.00	\$1,437.00		
Aug., 1994	41	\$96,403.00	(\$3,035.00)	20	\$1,010.00	\$605.00		
Sept., 1994	34	\$14,614.00	(\$14,002.00)	26	\$2,596.00	\$2,342.00		
Oct., 1994	94	\$17,426.00	(\$8,677.00)	38	\$2,922.00	\$3,179.00		
Nov., 1994	43	\$103,592.00		45	\$3,992.00	\$2,803.00		
Dec., 1994	68	\$31,400.00		35	\$4,315.00	\$2,329.00		
Jan., 1995	55	\$27,601.00		52	\$7,493.00	\$4,921.00		
Feb., 1995	70	\$61,119.00		41	\$6,472.00	\$3,973.00		
Mar., 1995	31	\$25,072.00		44	\$8,315.00	\$4,737.00		
Apr., 1995	13	\$15,353.00		16	\$3,565.00	\$1,538.00		
May., 1995	23	\$11,632.00		16	\$4,315.00	\$654.00		
June 1995	45	\$31,008.00		18	\$2,630.00	\$1,025.00		
Total FY 1995	534	\$437,347.00	(\$26,049.00)	374	\$49,726.00	\$29,543.00	18.1%	70.0%
FISCAL YEAR 1995-96								
July, 1995	0	\$0.00						
Aug., 1995	46	\$17,425.00		27	\$9,028.00	\$1,729.00		
Sept., 1995	1	\$125.00		21	\$3,093.00	\$2,049.00		
Oct., 1995	122	\$206,244.00		29	\$2,720.00	\$1,161.00		
Nov., 1995	55	\$23,124.00		62	\$10,151.00	\$6,383.00		
Dec., 1995	50	\$18,607.26		32	\$4,780.66	\$2,802.76		
Jan., 1996	49	\$13,814.88	(\$15,296.45)	36	\$5,296.51	\$3,472.89		
Feb., 1996	50	\$14,716.97		38	\$5,777.53	\$3,416.91		
Mar., 1996	33	\$24,936.91		36	\$6,035.12	\$3,421.75		
Apr., 1996	30	\$11,006.66		36	\$7,173.12	\$2,711.54		
May., 1996	23	\$7,989.34		24	\$3,941.69	\$2,020.29		
June 1996	50	\$22,151.31		16	\$2,790.02	\$1,182.23		
Total FY 1996	509	\$360,141.33	(\$15,296.45)	357	\$60,786.65	\$30,350.37	25.3%	70.1%
FISCAL YEAR 1996-97								
July, 1996	40	\$71,894.13		32	\$5,249.93	\$2,947.96		
Aug., 1996	32	\$5,362.64		32	\$6,254.59	\$3,783.69		
Sept., 1996	41	\$7,210.00		29	\$2,259.96	\$1,326.58		
Oct., 1996	29	\$11,092.53		25	\$3,697.89	\$2,261.98		
Nov., 1996	20	\$10,009.10		22	\$1,624.63	\$698.02		
Dec., 1996	13	\$238,466.04		22	\$5,877.18	\$2,121.53		
Jan., 1997	27	\$11,755.22		17	\$4,393.30	\$2,377.09		
Feb., 1997	47	\$18,520.87		42	\$8,579.84	\$5,552.63		
Mar., 1997	26	\$13,434.02		27	\$4,999.59	\$2,757.67		
Apr., 1997	10	\$2,908.87		15	\$2,322.88	\$1,298.66		
May., 1997	20	\$11,682.70		15	\$5,198.91	\$1,399.21		
June 1997	5	\$8,036.58		10	\$2,335.24	\$765.34		
Total FY 1997	310	\$410,372.70	\$0.00	288	\$52,793.94	\$27,290.36	19.5%	92.9%
FISCAL YEAR 1997 - 98								
July, 1997	10	\$2,811.71		8	\$1,584.67	\$823.11		
Aug., 1997	14	\$8,741.30		8	\$1,496.49	\$779.14		
Sept., 1997	29	\$19,926.37		12	\$2,051.78	\$1,278.04		
Oct., 1997	12	\$4,716.81		23	\$3,184.83	\$2,063.89		
Nov., 1997	23	\$54,965.34		10	\$2,424.86	\$1,218.28		
Dec., 1997	25	\$36,881.09		15	\$4,376.97	\$2,775.66		
Jan., 1998	42	\$30,025.81		17	\$5,300.40	\$3,533.66		

Feb., 1998	37	\$31,164.95		29	\$22,961.69	\$8,501.18		
Mar., 1998	9	\$13,273.45		32	\$9,406.56	\$4,371.53		
Apr., 1998	10	\$5,628.21		10	\$2,602.62	\$1,279.77		
May., 1998	0	\$225.00		8	\$2,885.02	\$950.46		
June 1998	5	\$2,414.03		6	\$1,041.54	\$98.00		
Total FY 1998	216	\$210,774.07	\$0.00	178	\$59,317.43	\$27,672.72	41.3%	82.4%

FICAL YEAR 1998 - 99

July, 1998	9	\$1,390.43		8	\$1,964.20	\$716.75		
Aug., 1998	10	\$2,240.70		10	\$1,048.28	\$372.47		
Sept., 1998	8	\$2,768.96		11	\$2,000.36	\$1,148.23		
Oct., 1998	22	\$28,704.85		14	\$1,860.17	\$807.48		
Nov., 1998	19	\$9,137.79		11	\$1,765.97	\$1,092.43		
Dec., 1998	23	\$11,959.10		27	\$4,441.02	\$2,040.71		
Jan., 1999	41	\$21,179.55		18	\$6,621.63	\$3,838.22		
Feb., 1999	45	\$26,236.24		41	\$12,119.09	\$6,923.61		
Mar., 1999	15	\$7,549.57		33	\$8,281.77	\$4,138.44		
Apr., 1999	9	\$8,013.54		14	\$3,035.82	\$1,388.41		
May., 1999	5	\$5,161.23		5	\$905.50	\$405.00		
June 1999	7	\$3,719.01		13	\$3,011.06	\$533.83		
Total FY 1999	213	\$128,060.97	\$0.00	205	\$47,054.87	\$23,405.58	55.0%	96.2%

FISCAL YEAR 1999-2000

July, 1999	5	\$1,556.38		9	\$2,287.53	\$1,198.81		
Aug., 1999	10	\$2,510.83		15	\$2,455.38	\$513.73		
Sept., 1999	6	\$2,032.19	\$5,324.80	28	\$3,563.06	\$475.93		
Oct., 1999	11	\$4,452.31	\$567.75	25	\$2,775.48	\$557.41		
Nov., 1999	14	\$8,634.64		26	\$3,250.96	\$1,322.96		
Dec., 1999	24	\$15,891.96		19	\$3,862.76	\$2,126.27		
Jan., 2000	49	\$27,872.14		28	\$7,952.94	\$3,814.02		
Feb., 2000	21	\$11,039.59		30	\$10,159.24	\$6,216.42		
Mar., 2000	19	\$9,873.21		31	\$6,709.07	\$3,555.40		
Apr., 2000	12	\$7,897.70		17	\$2,932.41	\$1,512.54		
May, 2000	7	\$5,039.46	\$293.60	20	\$7,062.23	\$3,164.00		
June, 2000	16	\$14,566.88		18	\$5,766.59	\$1,852.12		
Total FY 2000	194	\$111,367.29	\$6,186.15	266	\$58,777.65	\$26,309.61	76%	137%

FISCAL YEAR 2000-01

July, 2000	2	\$865.01		14	\$1,948.03	\$154.01		
Aug., 2000	20	\$15,837.60		17	\$3,302.27	\$1,063.92		
Sept., 2000	12	\$3,562.26		23	\$8,718.21	\$1,351.41		
Oct., 2000	18	\$122,696.24		29	\$7,457.98	\$490.16		
Nov. 2000	13	\$15,851.30		22	\$4,038.50	\$309.30		
Dec., 2000	40	\$30,234.92		24	\$7,189.98	\$462.13		
Jan., 2001								
Feb., 2001								
Mar., 2001								
Apr., 2001								
May 2001								
June 2001								
Total FY 2001	105	\$189,047.33	\$0.00	129	\$32,654.97	\$3,830.93	19%	123%

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES
CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
CURRENT MONTH
12/01/2000 TO 12/31/2000

	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	40	\$30,234.92
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	0	\$0.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	40	\$30,234.92
PAYMENTS	12	\$4,765.80-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	1	\$25.00-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	7	\$500.21-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	4	\$1,773.97-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	5	\$125.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	8	\$462.13-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	0	\$0.00
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	0	\$0.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	1	\$0.03-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	0	\$0.00
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	0	\$0.00
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	1	\$570.00

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CIVIL RESTITUTION ACTIVITY REPORT
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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	105	\$188,622.33
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	15	\$425.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	0	\$0.00
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	105	\$189,047.33
PAYMENTS	59	\$22,298.73-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	4	\$240.43-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	20	\$4,368.80-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	14	\$5,122.01-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	24	\$625.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	39	\$3,830.93-
OVERPAYMENTS	6	\$145.23
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	1	\$143.65
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	0	\$0.00
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	0	\$0.00
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$25.00
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
WRITE-OFFS	6	\$1,015.95-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	0	\$0.00
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	1	\$524.54-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	9	\$27,199.88-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00

FOOTNOTE:		
FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	7	\$47,485.55

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
ORIG RESTITUTION VALUES ENTERED	4,098	\$2,891,820.65
HEARING COSTS ASSESSED	217	\$5,775.00
SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	331	\$269,865.45-
SALES EXCEEDING RESTITUTION	148	\$71,951.21
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RESTITUTION ASSESSED	4,098	\$2,699,681.41
PAYMENTS	2,732	\$513,419.04-
PAYMENTS AFTER PAST DUE NOTICE	15	\$1,516.70-
PAYMENTS AFTER REVOKED NOTICE	53	\$12,529.88-
PAYMENTS FROM COLLECTION EFFORT	20	\$6,822.04-
PAYMENTS FROM HRG COST ASSESSED	105	\$2,725.00-
DISCOUNTS FOR TIMELY PAYMENTS	1,931	\$247,660.70-
OVERPAYMENTS	130	\$3,147.79
REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT	50	\$10,767.89
APPLIED CONFISCATED COMMODS	13	\$29,905.30-
APPLIED EXCEEDING BALANCE DUE	5	\$12,222.64
REFUND OF CONFISCATED COMMOD.	20	\$90,603.09
RETURNED CHECKS	2	\$61.75
MISC. ADJUSTMENTS		
DEBITS	3	\$55.00
CREDITS	13	\$10.22-
REASSESSMENTS		
DEBITS	21	\$6,881.15
CREDITS	58	\$36,391.47-
WRITE-OFFS	971	\$1,026,098.11-
ASSESSMENTS WITHDRAWN	6	\$1,399.24-
ADJUDICATION ADJUSTMENTS	23	\$12,388.80-
FOUND NOT RESPONSIBLE	49	\$104,508.67-
DISMISSED BY D.A.	0	\$0.00
CASES VOIDED BY ENFORCEMENT	0	\$0.00
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** TOTAL OUTSTANDING	360	\$828,045.55

FOOTNOTE:

FORFEIT OF CONFISCATED COMMODS	33	\$86,027.30 *
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AGING OF SALE OF CONFISCATED COMMODITIES

VIOLATION DATE UNKNOWN	0	\$0.00
1 - 30 DAYS	0	\$0.00
31 - 60 DAYS	5	\$3,407.78
61 - 90 DAYS	16	\$10,046.12
91 - 120 DAYS	12	\$7,367.19
121 - 150 DAYS	22	\$23,573.65
151 - 180 DAYS	20	\$18,883.50
181 - 365 DAYS	80	\$97,755.63
OVER ONE YEAR	139	\$80,926.32
OVER TWO YEARS	151	\$109,862.89
OVER THREE YEARS	536	\$374,212.81
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	981	\$726,035.89

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES

COLLECTIONS WITH AGENCY:		
CAN NOT BE INVOICED	5	\$12,098.16
CURRENT	32	\$16,563.14
1 - 30 DAYS	9	\$19,087.16
31 - 90 DAYS	11	\$111,735.56
91 - 180 DAYS	18	\$15,795.43
181 - 365 DAYS	36	\$22,160.83
OVER ONE YEAR	182	\$190,857.15
COLLECTIONS WITH PRIVATE COLLECTIONS FIRM:		
1 - 90 DAYS	0	\$0.00
91 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	0	\$0.00
OVER ONE YEAR	65	\$438,649.04
AMOUNT UNDER PROTEST:		
1 - 180 DAYS	0	\$0.00
181 - 365 DAYS	2	\$1,098.00
OVER ONE YEAR	0	\$0.00
		=====
** TOTAL AGING	360	\$828,044.47

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	288	\$14,450.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	14	\$350.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
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TOTAL DUE		\$14,800.00
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PAID IN FULL	138	\$7,425.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1	\$50.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	0	\$0.00
REFUNDS	0	\$0.00
RETURNED CHECKS	1	\$100.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	1	\$20.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	0	\$0.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	23	\$1,150.00-
NOT GUILTY	0	\$0.00

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	3,403	\$172,550.00
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	1,112	\$27,800.00
CREDITS	1	\$75.00-
		=====
TOTAL DUE		\$200,275.00

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PAID IN FULL	2,311	\$123,105.00-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	36	\$1,750.00-
OVERPAYMENTS	14	\$480.75
REFUNDS	10	\$305.00
RETURNED CHECKS	3	\$200.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	3	\$40.00
CREDITS	1	\$0.75-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	21	\$1,050.00
CREDITS	0	\$0.00
VOIDS	257	\$10,800.00-
NOT GUILTY	88	\$3,500.00-

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	# CASES	AMOUNT
FINES	85,855	\$4,363,457.07
HEARING COSTS		
DEBITS	19,704	\$493,078.80
CREDITS	1	\$5,450.00-
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TOTAL DUE		\$4,851,085.87

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PAID IN FULL	48,465	\$2,523,051.60-
PARTIAL PAYMENTS	1,285	\$58,654.37-
OVERPAYMENTS	958	\$26,238.42
REFUNDS	181	\$8,680.31
RETURNED CHECKS	64	\$3,475.00
MISC CHANGES		
DEBITS	64	\$1,065.00
CREDITS	169	\$156.78-
ADJUSTMENTS TO VIOLATION		
DEBITS	147	\$8,450.00
CREDITS	14	\$800.00-
VOIDS	4,802	\$205,607.73-
NOT GUILTY	879	\$43,925.00-
		=====
TOTAL OUTSTANDING		\$2,066,799.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM CITATION DATE

CURRENT	124	\$6,250.00
1 - 30 DAYS	208	\$10,450.00
31 - 90 DAYS	434	\$22,625.00
91 - 180 DAYS	1,000	\$52,540.00
181 - 365 DAYS	1,646	\$104,715.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	29,164	\$1,870,219.12
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** TOTAL AGING	32,576	\$2,066,799.12

AGING OF OUTSTANDING CASES FROM HEARING DATE

PREHEARING	661	\$33,800.00
0 - 90 DAYS	3,157	\$161,140.00
91 - 180 DAYS	424	\$31,370.00
181 - 270 DAYS	597	\$37,290.00
271 - 365 DAYS	544	\$37,530.00
OVER 1 YEAR UNCOLLECTABLE	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR PENDING	0	\$0.00
OVER 1 YEAR (OTHER)	27,193	\$1,765,669.12
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** TOTAL AGING	32,576	\$2,066,799.12

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NEWS RELEASE

James H. Jenkins Jr.
Secretary



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WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION TO MEET JAN. 4

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission will hold its next regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4, 2001, at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to the public and will take place in the Louisiana Room of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries building, located at 2000 Quail Dr. in Baton Rouge. The agenda follows:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 7, 2000
3. Enforcement & Aviation Reports/December
4. Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Recreational Season
5. Declaration of Emergency - Red Snapper Commercial Season
6. Declaration of Emergency - King Mackerel Commercial Season
7. Presentation of Socio-Economic Research and Analysis Activities of the Department
8. Division Report
 - a. Wildlife District II Report by Jerald Owens
9. Set May 2001 Meeting Date
10. Public Comments
11. Adjournment

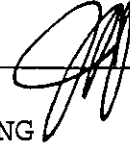
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December 21, 2000

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APPROVED: _____



AGENDA FOR COMMISSION MEETING

The next regular public board meeting has been scheduled by the Commission for 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 4, 2001, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

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Post Office Box 98000
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December 21, 2000

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman and Members of Commission
FROM: James H. Jenkins, Jr., Secretary
SUBJECT: January Commission Meeting Agenda

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cc: Jim Patton
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C O V E R

S H E E T



FAX

To: Dr. Jerry Stone

Fax #: 216-3175

Subject: Agenda

Date: December 19, 2000

Pages: 3, including this cover sheet.

COMMENTS:

Please call me and I will explain what you need to do, 765-2806. Thank you.

From the desk of...

Susan Hawkins

La. Dept. Of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Hawkins, Susan

From: Roussel, John E
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2000 3:26 PM
To: Foote, Karen
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Greeson, Cathy; Pausina, Randy
Subject: RE: January Commission meeting

APPROVED

-----Original Message-----

From: Foote, Karen
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2000 1:40 PM
To: Roussel, John E
Cc: Hawkins, Susan; Greeson, Cathy; Pausina, Randy
Subject: January Commission meeting

If you approve of the following Marine Fisheries items, please forward approval to Susan. Thanks.

Declaration of Emergency- Red Snapper Recreational Season

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Declaration of Emergency- King Mackerel Commercial Season

We MAY have an item for territorial sea shrimp closures.

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*Enforcement
Case Report!*

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Susan:
I have no items
from Ouland fish for
the comm. meeting.
[Signature]
Bennie

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